

REMARKS

The following remarks and the above amendments are submitted to address all issues in this case, and to put this case in condition for allowance. Amendments are made solely to better define the subject matter of the present invention. These amendments are supported by the disclosure of the application as filed and are believed to provide no new subject matter. After entry of the above amendments, application claims 9, 15-19, and 22-23 are pending in the application. Application claim 9 is only independent claim.

Applicant has studied the Office Action dated May 24, 2010 and has the following remarks in response thereto.

Allowable subject matter

The Examiner is thanked for his indication that original claim 14 would be would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 9 to include the limitations of prior claim 14. As all other pending claims depend from newly amended claim 9, applicant contends that claims 9, 15-19, and 22-23, as amended, are allowable over the art of record.

35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter the Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner asserted that the claims lacked a period. Without regard as to the correctness of the Examiner's rejection, the present claims have been amended to add a period at the end which is believed to render the Examiner's rejection moot.

35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

The Examiner rejected prior claims 9, 10, 12, 13 and 15-22 as anticipated by Jarger (US 3,243,704), claim 11 as obvious in light of Jarger, and claim 23 as obvious over Jarger in further view of Fojas (US 7,095,294).

Without admission as to the correctness of the Examiner's rejection, Applicant has amended independent claim 9 to include the limitations of prior dependent claim 14 and all intervening dependent claims. As claim 14 was indicated to be allowable over the art of record, Applicant contends that the Examiner's prior rejection of the claims is moot.

Further, as claims 15-19 and 22-23 all depend from claim 9, as amended, those claims are also believed allowable over the art of record.

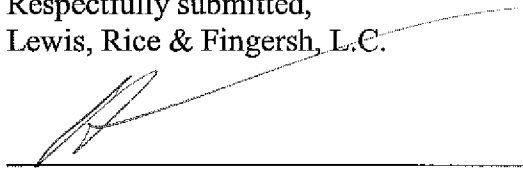
Conclusion

Applicant believes no fees are due in conjunction with filing this amendment and response, however, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies necessary for entering this amendment, including any claims fees and/or extension fees to/from our **Deposit Account No. 50-0975**.

If any questions remain, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call to the below-signed attorney at (314) 444-7783.

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